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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A marker comprising:

a substrate having at least one portion with an adhesive backing and further having at least one portion that is substantially transparent and has indicia for identifying or measuring details of an image on which the marker is to be overlaid.

2. (Original) The marker of claim 1 wherein the substrate comprises a first portion and a second portion, the first portion having a surface with an adhesive backing, the second portion being substantially transparent and having the indicia for identifying or measuring details of an image.

3. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the indicia comprises a target sight.

4. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the target sight substantially defines a perimeter around a region of the second portion.

5. (Original) The marker of claim 3 wherein the target sight focuses a readers attention on a region of the image.

6. (Original) The marker of claim 3 wherein the target sight substantially surrounds a region of the second portion.

7. (Original) The marker of claim 3 wherein the target sight comprises at least one circle.

8. (Original) The marker of claim 7 wherein the at least one circle comprises a circle having a diameter of about 1 cm.

9. (Original) The marker of claim 7 wherein the at least one circle comprises a circle having a diameter of about 2 cm.

10. (Original) The marker of claim 7 wherein the at least one circle comprises a circle having a diameter of about 4 cm.

11. (Original) The marker of claim 3 wherein the target sight comprises at least two orthogonal line segments.

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12. (Original) The marker of claim 11 wherein the target sight comprises a square having side dimensions of about 1 cm.

13. (Original) The marker of claim 11 wherein the target sight comprises a grid having a plurality of squares having side dimensions of about 1 cm.

14. (Original) The marker of claim 7 wherein the target sight further comprises at least two line segments that are disposed on one or more lines that substantially bisect the circle.

15. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the second portion has a substantially adhesive free backing.

16. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the marker comprises a note portion that is not transparent.

17. (Original) The marker of claim 16 wherein the note portion comprises a surface adapted to receive graphite, lead, or ink writing.

18. (Original) The marker of claim 16 wherein the note portion includes a plurality of substantially parallel lines.

19. (Original) The marker of claim 16 wherein the note portion overlays the first portion.

20. (Original) The marker of claim 16 wherein the note portion comprises a paper surface to receive writing.

21. (Original) The marker of claim 16 wherein the note portion comprises a paper surface having a plurality of substantially parallel lines and being adapted to receive graphite, lead, or ink writing.

22. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the indicia comprises an inscribed dimension.

23. (Original) The marker of claim 22 wherein the inscribed dimension is disposed on the second portion.

24. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the indicia comprises graduations.

25. (Original) The marker of claim 24 wherein the graduations are disposed on the second portion.

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26. (Original) The marker of claim 2 wherein the indicia comprises an inscribed dimension and graduations disposed on the second portion.

27. (Original) The marker of claim 14 wherein the note portion comprises a paper surface having a plurality of substantially parallel lines and being adapted to receive graphite, lead, or ink writing, and the indicia comprises an inscribed dimension and graduations disposed on the second portion.

28. (Original) The marker of claim 1 further comprising a releasable sheet disposed on the adhesive backing.

29. (Original) Apparatus comprising:

a light transmitting substrate for providing an image;

a removable marker having a first portion with adhesive backing for attachment to the light transmitting substrate and further having a second portion that is substantially transparent and without adhesive backing thereby allowing the second portion to be lifted from the light transmitting substrate, without the need to lift the adhesive backed portion.

30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 29 wherein the image is a diagnostic image.

31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 29 wherein the light transmitting substrate is an x-ray film.

32. (Original) Apparatus for use in diagnosis, the apparatus comprising:

a light transmitting substrate for providing a diagnostic image; and

a removable marker having a first portion with adhesive backing for attachment to the light transmitting substrate and further having a second portion that is substantially transparent and has a target sight inscribed thereon.

33. (Original) Apparatus comprising:

a light transmitting substrate for providing an image; and

a removable marker having a first portion with adhesive backing for attachment to the light transmitting substrate and further having a second portion that is substantially transparent, wherein at least one of the first portion and the second portion includes a gauge portion.

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34. (Original) Apparatus comprising:

a light transmitting substrate for providing an image; and

a removable marker having a first portion with adhesive backing for attachment to the light transmitting substrate and further having a second portion that is substantially transparent, wherein the first portion includes a paper surface for receiving writing.

35-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Original) Apparatus comprising:

a holder; and

a plurality of markers as set forth in claim 1, releasably mounted in the holder.

41. (Currently amended) A method for marking an area of interest on a diagnostic image comprising the steps of:

providing a diagnostic image; and

marking an area of interest on the diagnostic image using a marker comprising a substrate having a first portion and a second portion, wherein the first portion has a surface with an adhesive backing and a paper surface for receiving writing and the second portion is substantially transparent and has indicia for identifying the area of interest on the diagnostic image.

42. (Currently amended) A marker comprising:

a substrate having a first portion and a second portion, wherein the first portion has means for releasably adhering the substrate to a diagnostic image and a paper surface for receiving writing, and the second portion has means for identifying an area of interest on the diagnostic image.